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By-polls: Counting of votes tomorrow

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, who is also the District Electoral Officer, is seen inspecting the counters set-up at JSS First Grade College in Nanjangud this morning. MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, who is the Constituency Election Officer is also seen.

Nanjangud, Apr. 12 (RS& BCT)- The results for the Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-elections, the voting for which was held on Apr. 9, will be announced tomorrow. The counting will start at 8 am and the first trends are expected to come by 10 am.

The Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and control units and Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) units will be brought out of the strong rooms at 8 am and the actual counting process is likely to begin at around 8.30 am.

The by-elections are a precursor to Karnataka's Assembly elections in 2018. Both Congress and BJP have thrown their might in these elections. As many as 236 EVMs and VVPAT units were used for the Nanjangud election. The results are likely to be out by 12 noon.

The district administrations of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar have made elaborate arrangements to make the counting process smooth. Counting for Nanjangud by-poll will be conducted at JSS First Grade College on the Deveerammanahalli Village Road in Nanjangud.

Addressing a press conference at the counting centre this morning, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep who is also the District Election Officer said that elaborate and fool-proof security has been arranged for the counting. For the first time, all the counting tables will be videographed and webcasting has been arranged to ensure transparency. Webcasting has been arranged after the Election Commission received several complaints of irregularities in the process of polling, including counting of votes.

He said that the results of each round will be displayed on the screens set up outside the counting centres and a separate room has been established for the media to disseminate the results. No one except the candidates and their selected agents and counting officials will be allowed inside the counting rooms. Mobile phones will be banned inside the counting rooms.

(See COUNTING on page 8)

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

Human Interest Story

Court Shirastedar slammed for not issuing cheque to litigant in time

A rare case of a City Court Judge apologising to an elderly litigant for Shirastedar's irresponsibility

Mysuru, Apr. 12- In a rare humane gesture, a city Court Judge apologised to a litigant while slamming the Shirastedar for undue delay in issuing a cheque related to a property dispute. City's Fourth Additional Senior Civil Judge Jagadish is the one who has set this rare example.

Details about the case

M.C. Sheela, a resident of Chennai, owned a property in Mysuru city. As there was a family dispute over the property, the row went to Court in 2004. The then Judge Prasad, who heard the case, had ordered auction of the property and the money received be shared among the family members.

Accordingly, Sheela got Rs. 12.27 lakh as her share while her mother got Rs. 5.50 lakh. The Court had directed the two to appear on Monday to get their cheques.

As Sheela's 80-year-old ailing mother was not in a position to travel, 60-year-old Sheela requested her neighbours in Chennai to look after her mother and travelled to Mysuru.

As directed, Sheela appeared before the Fourth Additional Senior Civil Judge Jagadish on Monday and the Judge, after scrutinising the medical records of Sheela's ailing mother, directed the Shirastedar to handover the ailing lady's cheque to her daughter Sheela.

But as the then Accounts Shirastedar, who had served when the Court gave its ruling in the case had been transferred, the incumbent Shirastedar Cheluvaiah sought time as he had to verify the documents in detail.

Sheela, by showing a video recording of the condition of her ailing mother, insisted on issuance of the cheque as she had to leave for Chennai the same evening. But Shirastedar Cheluvaiah, despite the Court ruling, unduly delayed issuance of the cheque.

Later, Sheela's advocates and others tried to convince Cheluvaiah to issue the cheque but he remained unmoved, saying that he needs to verify the records.

But as the Courts closed at 5.30 pm, Judge Jagadish left the Court.

As Sheela remained in the Court not knowing what to do next, some advocates who came to know of her plight, took her to Principal District and Sessions Judge P.G.M. Patil and explained him about Sheela's plight.

Later, Judge Patil contacted Judge Jagadish over phone, following which Judge Jagdish returned to the Court at 6.15 pm. After taking Accounts Shirastedar Cheluvaiah to task, the Judge got the cheque issued and also expressed regret to Sheela for the inconvenience caused to her by the Shirastedar, it is learnt.

Meanwhile, Shirastedar Cheluvaiah has since gone on leave, it is learnt.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.

Mysuru, Wednesday 12th April 2017

Reckoning with realities

India's prodigious scholar Adi Shankara, in the short span of life that ended when he was barely 32 years young in eighth century, is featured in many witty dialogues with his ardent disciples and peers. In one such instance, a disciple sought to be enlightened by the peerless philosopher about myth and realities in life. The matter, which seemed to catch the teacher on the wrong foot, was about his running for life when chased by a wild jumbo. He put it across to the disciple saying while the wild jumbo was a myth, his running for life was also a myth, leaving the disciple speechless.

In the context of the top brass in successive governments, both at the Centre and in the States across the land, particularly the incumbent Karnataka government, informing the citizens, supported by *official* statistics, that the country has no cause to doubt a healthy and sustained growth of the economy, the administration would have bailed itself out if they could avail the services of the Saint delineating the oneness between myth and reality — the government *riding on myth* and the citizens *reeling under realities* of life.

Livelihood and adequate food to *every* family in the land are the obvious realities to be achieved but remaining a myth in respect of the *officially* declared 22.7 per cent of the country's estimated total headcount of 135 crore. The rest of the population is battling with a plethora of other realities — societal unrest, disruptive acts of rogue elements, uncivil conduct of elected representatives of people turning reality-claims into mythical-realities.

An edited text of interview featuring a former Union Minister published in a section of the press last week not only disturbs one's mind but also serves as a narrative laying bare the challenges before the nation's diaspora but being addressed with kid gloves. The interviewee recounts the remark made by the famed writer Khushwant Singh "Whether this is the best image of democracy?" after the victory of a former dacoit (Phoolan Devi) over a veteran bureaucrat (Dr. Manmohan Singh) in the Lok Sabha polls of 1998. The most deplorable joke being played on the land's electorate of nearly 800 million is the boastful description of the nation as a secular country but selecting candidates to contest elections at all levels using caste, faith, creeds and regional sentiments.

Without resorting to impressive rhetoric, the highly rated thinker Prof. John Kenneth Galbraith, who served as ambassador of the USA to India during 1950s had perceived the country as a *functioning* anarchy. As long as it is functioning, whatever the term may mean, people of the land don't seem to be unduly concerned about its myth and realities, the former as claimed by the top brass and the latter as experienced by the ordinary brass.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

All of us who have worked in any organisation would have had our fair share of bosses good and bad. The good bosses are those who take you under their wing, teach you the ropes and guide you through the organisational maze. They are those who inspire ordinary people to do extraordinary things. There are also bosses who bark and snarl their instructions or orders, point a critical finger at every opportunity and even tick you off at meetings and seminars. The human mind is geared to sift the good memories from the bad and retain them to dwell on in tranquil moments. The bad memories are best given a decent burial. *— Sudha Devi Nayak in The Hindu.*

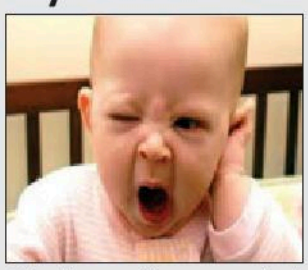
NEWS SPARKLERS

Elaborate wedding cakes

Jakarta: LeNovelle Cake, a family-run bakery in Jakarta, Indonesia, specialises in epic wedding cakes. From fairy-tale castles to glazed cathedrals and pagodas up to 7 m tall with detailed turrets, pillars and balconies, these guys can turn the most outlandish architectural design into a magnificent cake.

The world-famous bakery was founded in 1993 as a neighbourhood cake business selling birthday cakes to friends and family, but it slowly grew and in 2004 it started selling wedding cakes under the LeNovelle Cake brand. Their designs have been getting more complex every year, and today they can have up to 24 people working 12 hours a day for over a month to complete just one of their sugar-coated masterpieces. According to Tiffany, the cake are so big that they would never fit in a normal car, or a small van, so the company usually uses trucks to transport their cakes. Le Novelle Cake was founded by Tiffany's parents, Susanti Sunardjie and Ricky Riyadi.

Intelligent people yawn more!



Washington: Yawns are a loaded bodily function. Too many and you're rude, not enough and you have the empathy of a psychopath.

But a new study has made an interesting discovery the length of your yawn correlates to how heavy your brain is, and how many neurons it has.

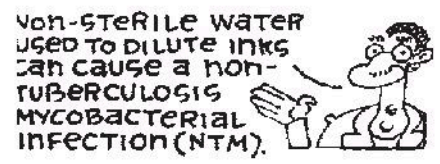
The longer the yawn, the bigger the brain, according to the study, published in the journal Biology Letters.

Research found that the length of a yawn accurately predicts the size of an animal's brain, and their findings can be applied to people, too.

They found that the longest yawners were humans, whose brains weigh an average of three pounds. Andrew Gallup, evolutionary Psychologist and one of the study's researchers, says that we yawn to cool our brains.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Are tattoo inks a health risk?



Every tattoo comes with a health risk. Some inks have been found to have high levels of Lead, Lithium, Titanium Oioxide, Iron Oxide, Acridine and Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene. Though immediate reactions are uncommon, long-term effects of injecting plastics and other substances under the skin are unknown.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Veena Balachandar Memorial concert at Ganabharathi

by Bhagyalakshmi Chandrashekar

Mysuru, Apr.12 - Ganabharathi is organising a veena concert by Vidushi Bhagyalakshmi Chandrashekar on Apr. 14 at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar.

She will be accompanied by Vidwan C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and Vidwan N. Gurumurthy on ghata. This programme is organised in memory of Veena Maestro S. Balachandar.

Profile: Born to music-loving parents, Bhagyalakshmi Chandrashekar was initiated into vocal music at the tender age of six and veena at the age of nine. She was put under the tutelage of Guru Mudikondan Narayanaswamy Ayyar (disciple of Sangita Kalanidhi Mudikondan Venkatarama Ayyar and Kumbhakonam Rajamani Sastrigal).

She graduated in Music with a Gold Medal from SRC College, Trichy, in 1972. While at college, she participated in many State-level competitions in vocal and veena winning many trophies. Among the awards the notable ones are the All India Radio Music Competition in 1971. In 1974 she got first prize in the prestigious veena competitions held by The Music Academy and The Indian Fine Arts Society of Chennai.

She is an 'A' grade artiste of All India Radio. Her veena recitals have been aired on the Doordarshan, BBC, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and Rupavahini.

Over the years she has performed at several platforms, both in India and abroad, as a solo artiste as well as in tandem with other instruments (Jugalbandis).

Really...?

- ***India provides safety for more than 3,00,000 refugees originally from Sri Lanka, Tibet, Bhutan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, who escaped to flee religious and political persecution.***
- ***Algebra, Trigonometry and Calculus are studies, which originated in India.***
- ***The oldest European church and synagogue in India are in the city of Cochin. They were built in 1503 and 1568 respectively.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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VOICE OF THE READER

Why be depressed? Cheer up!

Sir,

This refers to the write-up titled ***'World Health Day: Depression - Let's talk Lifestyle'*** by Dr. B. R. Pai (*Star of Mysore* dated Apr. 3). Cambridge English Dictionary defines Depression as *'the state of feeling very unhappy and without hope for the future; a mental illness in which a person is very unhappy and anxious for long periods and cannot have a normal life during these periods. Tiredness, loss of appetite, and sleeping problems are all classic symptoms of depression.'*

We are living in a fast-paced and a self-serving world. Values have changed. People use you and discard you and the resulting disillusion can trigger depression. Very often, disgusting and nasty bosses in your place of work can destroy your mental health.

Failing in exams, unsuccessful love affairs, death of a loved one, financial loss and unsteady income, loss of esteem etc., are some of the major causes of depression. Poverty, sub-standard living conditions, corruption and delays add to the miseries and can agitate you, making you feel depressed. But even so we must carry on and fight the life's battle.

Do not lose sight of your vision and dreams when you're going through a bad patch. If you have successfully tackled a short bout of depression early in your life, the lessons learnt during the upheaval come in handy when you encounter difficult situations in the later years. Pain in small doses can be managed. But depression overwhelms. The best way to fight depression is to take the bull by its horns.

Find out the 'fault lines' and what brought you the depression in the first place. Jot down and prioritise what's bothering you. Then deal firmly with the issues one by one. Nothing is insurmountable.

Touchy and over-sensitive people suffer most from depression. Be thick-skinned and ignore criticism when your mental health is endangered.

Be strong. Play football and other games and get physically tired to get a good night's sleep. Remember, recall and cherish all good things that have happened to you in the past and hope for even better things in the future. Your situation improves if you avoid meeting pessimists and negative characters.

'You're what you think'. When you're going through 'hell', which is what depression is, keep reminding yourself that 'This shall also pass.' John Maynard Keynes, the influential economist once said, *'In the long run we're all dead'*. So why be depressed. Cheer up!

—Mubasher Mirza
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Vidyuth-2017: Cultural Extravaganza at VVCE

Mysuru, Apr. 12- Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, is organising ***Vidyuth-2017,*** a cultural extravaganza from Apr. 15 to 17 at its premises. District Minister Dr. H. C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate at 9.30 am. Music University Vice-chancellor Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar, will be the chief guest. Gundappa Gowda, President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, will preside. P. Vishwanath, Secretary, VV Sangha and S. N. Lakshminarayana, Treasurer, VV Sangha will be the guests of honour. Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Prof. K. S. Ravi, Prof. D. Khasim Vali, Coordinators, Cultural Committee, Dr. N. S. Linge Gowda, Coordinator, NSS and Red Cross, Dr. Anitha N. Sudhir, Coordinator, ISTE Students Chapter, heads of various departments, staff and students will be present.

After the inaugural function, a blood donation camp will be organised by NSS & Red Cross Youth Wing in association with ISTE Chapter of the College.

Many cultural and literary events like Movie-making, Fashion Designing, Voice of VVCE, Computer Gaming, Mad Ads, Face Painting, Dumb Charades, T-Shirt Painting, Super Minute, Stunt Show, Auto Exposition, Treasure Hunt, Rang De Rangoli, Cooking without Fire, Shutter Stories, Box Cricket, Go-kart, Paint ball, LASER Tag and many more events will be held.

Some of the major attractions of *Vidyuth* are Marathon, Yoga, Dance and Fashion competitions. On Apr. 16, Marathon will be conducted by the college for a social cause. Dr. A Subramanyeshwara Rao, City Police Commissioner, will flag off the event at 6.30 am.

On April 17, *Yogamrita* has been organised. Gowtam Ghatke and Dr. P. N. Ganesh Kumar will be the chief guests, according to a press release.

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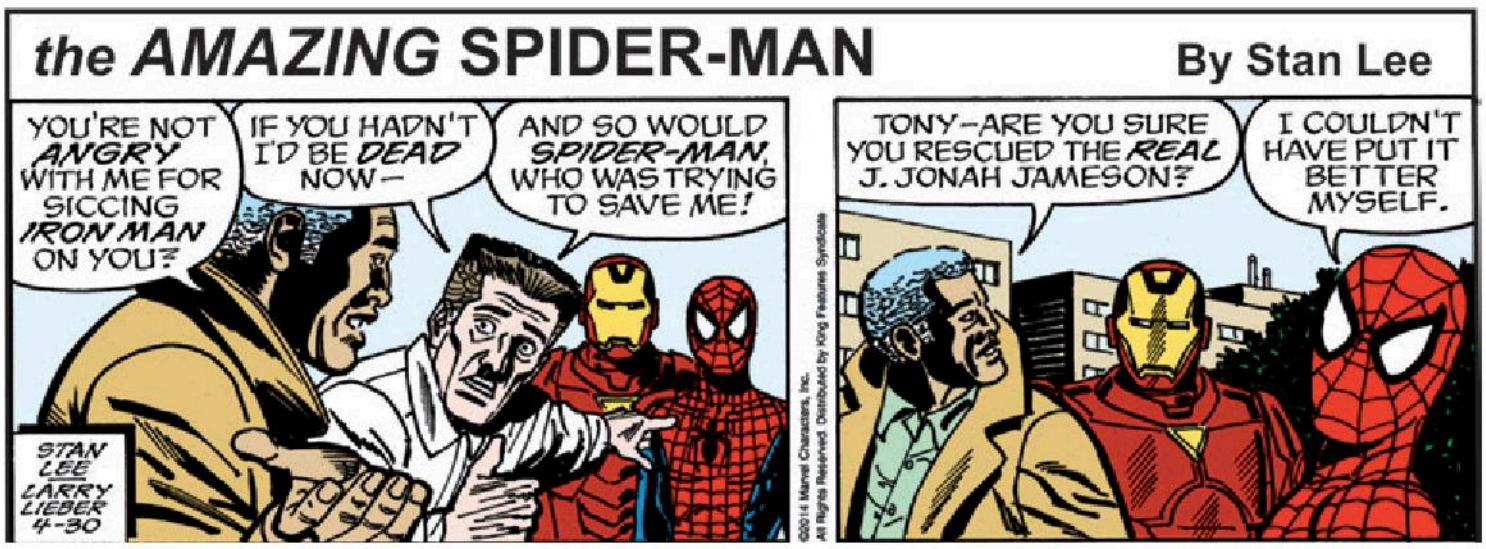
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NEWS BRIEFS

Dr. Ambedkar's birth anniversary

The 126th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar will be celebrated by District Administration, Zilla Panchayat and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) on Apr. 14 at 9.30 am at Town Hall premises by garlanding the statue of Dr. Ambedkar there. The DC has asked all officers and staff to compulsorily be present on that day.

Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions, Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru, has organised Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 126th birth anniversary celebrations at its Centenary Hall on Apr. 14 at 10.30 am. Dr. M. Rudraiah, Dean, Student's Welfare Department, University of Mysore, will be the chief guest. Institutions Hon. Secretary H.K. Srinath will be present. President B.S. Parthasarathy will preside.

Periodicals at half-price

Other than periodicals for competitive exams (from April 2016 to March 2017), available selected periodicals will be sold at half-price from today till May 12 at all branches of City Central Library in city.

Office Shifted

The Tribal Development Project Office of The Department of Welfare for Scheduled Tribes has been shifted to Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan on Adi Pampa Road in Vontikoppal here.

Akkamahadevi and Basava Jayanti

Sri Hosmutt has organised Akkamahadevi and Basava Jayanti celebrations at Sri Nataraja auditorium on Apr. 28 and 29. As part of the celebrations, Linga Deekshe for Veerashaiva girls/ women has been organised at 10 am on Apr. 28. Those interested may register their names at the Mutt's office before Apr. 26. Akkamahadevi Jayanti celebrations will be held at 5.30 pm on Apr. 28. On Apr. 29, Basava Jayanti celebrations will be at 10.30 am, Vid. Sri Gurushanta Swamiji's 22nd Punyaradhane at 12.30 pm and procession of busts of Basavanna and Akkamahadevi, along with various folk troupes, at 6.30 pm [Ph: 0821-2445454].

B.Ed exam from May 3

The make-up examinations of 2nd semester B.Ed course of Mysore University will be held from May 3. The candidates writing the exam should send the application and fees through their College Principal to the Varsity Registrar (Evaluation) before Apr.17. The fees for complete exam is Rs. 990, each subject Rs. 340 and another Rs. 240 for marks card. The fees should be remitted to account number 54007591200 or Evaluation section at the Varsity SBI Branch and chalan to be attached to the application forms.

Shantaraju of Mysuru among seven arrested for threatening Minister

Bengaluru, Apr. 12 (ACP& DM)- The Vidhana Soudha Police on Tuesday arrested seven persons on charges of verbally abusing and threatening Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait at his office in Vidhana Soudha here.

SC/ST Employees Association Hon. President Shantaraju of Mysuru, is one among the seven arrested.

The Government had invited applications from candidates for appointment of PUC lecturers, for which the deadline ended on Apr. 6. The Government had stipulated a minimum of 55 percent marks as eligibility.

Shantaraju, along with his associates, met Tanveer Sait at his chamber at about 4.30 pm yesterday and urged the Minister to cut down the eligibility requirement for SC/ST candidates

Shantaraju

by 5 percent. But the Minister expressed his helplessness saying that the appointment notification had already been issued and even the deadline for submission of applications had ended. But Shantaraju, getting upset over the Minister's reply, verbally abused Tanveer Sait and threatened him, besides attempting to assault him. Later, Tanveer Sait's Personal Assistant (PA) Ravikumar lodged a complaint with Vidhana Soudha Police, following which the Police booked Shantaraju and his six associates under various sections of the IPC.

All the seven arrested were produced before the Court, which remanded them to Judicial custody.

Meanwhile, Tanveer Sait said that the Government had issued a notification in 2015 for appointment of PU lecturers, for which 41,000 candidates had applied. But the notification was later cancelled for technical reasons. But soon after becoming Minister, he re-issued the notification, setting Apr. 6 deadline and 55 percent minimum marks in the qualifying exam as eligibility.

But Malavalli MLA P.M. Narendra Swamy, speaking in the Assembly Session, sought a 5 percent cut in minimum marks for SC/ST candidates, which

Tanveer Sait

was turned down by him citing that the notification had already been issued. Even the Assembly had agreed his (Sait) contention. But on Tuesday, Shantaraju and his associates stormed into Sait's chamber and verbally abused and threatened him. As this sort of behaviour cannot be tolerated, his (Sait) PA lodged a complaint with the Vidhana Soudha Police.

Punished by Principal, Warden: Kids spend entire night outside the residential school

Pandavapura, Apr. 12- Twenty-seven students of Morarji Desai Residential School in Keretonnur village near Pandavapura, had to sleep on the open ground on Monday night as the School Principal and the Warden put them out of the school as punishment.

Angry parents, who rushed to the school on getting information, took the Principal and the Warden to task for giving such a harsh punishment.

According to parents, School Principal T.M. Usha and Warden Pushpalatha punished the students because a few of them reportedly broke electrical switchboards, taps and water heaters. When Usha and Pushpalatha asked students to name the children who had damaged school property, none of the students owned up, resulting in Usha and Pushpalatha reportedly ordering the students to take their belongings and get out of their rooms. She then locked the rooms, forcing the children to spend the entire night outside the school in the open.

Their parents, who heard about the punishment, rushed to the School along with ZP Member C. Ashok in the morning and took the Principal and the Warden to task.

Ashok, who spoke to the Principal and the Warden, warned them of taking legal action if the incident is repeated besides asking them to take the teachers of the School into confidence and work in cooperation and not to spoil the future of the kids.

Principal Usha, who also spoke, said that they punished the kids so that they would mend their ways and added that despite asking the students to go inside the School, they stayed outside. She also said that such incident would not be repeated again.

Two arrested for intimidating TV reporters

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (YDS&BCT)- Two persons were taken into custody yesterday by the Saraswathipuram Police for allegedly intimidating two reporters working for private TV news channels.

According to complainants by Raghavendra and Madhusudhan, yesterday they had been to a hotel in Saraswathipuram at around 3.30 pm for lunch when Nithin and Amit abused and threatened to kill them. Soon, the Police was alerted and the accused were arrested.

Raghavendra and Madhusudhan stated in their complaint that the intimidation and abuses were the result of a report published in their TV channels about Congress leader N. Dhruvaraj some months ago. They alleged that the news report had enraged Dhruvaraj and his supporters.

The Police, who had initially registered an NCR (Non-cognizable Report), later converted the case into a cognizable offence under IPC Sections 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and 506 (criminal intimidation). Both Amit and Nithin were later released on Police Station bail.

Reacting to the incident, N. Dhruvaraj has clarified that he does not have any connection to the incident. "Whoever has committed the crime will face the law accordingly. It is not right to drag my name to the incident," he said.

Licence mandatory for food vendors

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (US)- As per the Food Safety and Standards Act, all shops selling food items should compulsorily posses a licence. The Act covers all manufacturers of food items, packers, whole-sale distributors, hotels, bakeries, sweet stalls, bars/wine stores, canteen, clubs/caterers, reprocessing units, cold storages, street vendors, dhabas and packaged drinking water suppliers. Licence is mandatory for establishments with an annual turnover of Rs. 12 lakh and registration for those with less than Rs. 12 lakh. The violators will invite a fine of Rs. 5 lakh and sentence for 6 months.

For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2438144 or *WhatsApp* to 94821-96639 or e-mail to domcca2013@gmail.com, according to a release from MCC.

Fish rates based on size

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (US)- Fish outlets established by Karnataka State Co-operative Fisheries Federation in Mysuru, Mandya, Bengaluru, Ramanagaram, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu districts have been instructed to sell fish at rates based on its size with effect from Apr. 1.

Rates in Mysuru city: 1 to 2 kg - Rs. 135, 2 to 4 kg - Rs. 145; above 4 kg - Rs. 155; Roopchand - Rs. 120 and Tilapia - Rs. 85.

For other districts: 1 to 2 kg - Rs. 140; 2 to 4 kg - Rs. 150; Above 4 kg - Rs. 60; Roopchand - Rs. 125 and Tilapia - Rs. 90, according to a release.

Lashkar Police raid automobile shop

Seize duplicate spare parts worth thousands of rupees

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (RK&KS)- Lashkar Police, who raided KL Automotives in Gandhi Square, have registered a case against the owner of the shop for selling duplicate spare parts by affixing genuine company labels on it.

Following a complaint by one Ravindra Singh of Bengaluru, the Cops raided the automobile shop on Apr. 5 and seized various duplicate spares including oil seals, oil filters, gaskets, piston pin, piston rings, connecting rods, valve sets and bearing, which were being sold by affixing genuine labels of 'Greaves Parts' on the duplicate spares.

The Police have booked a case of violation of copyright on the owner. Lashkar Inspector H.M. Kantharaju has registered a case in this regard.

'Kalasa' falls on head

Temple authorities come forward to help injured woman

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (RK&KS)- The authorities of Sri Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud have come forward to help the woman who was injured when the 'Kalasa' of Sri Nanjundeshwara chariot which got tangled to the decorative serial lights fell on her head Sunday night in Nanjangud. Following the publication of the news item, Sri Srikanteshwara Temple Executive Officer Jayaprakash yesterday visited JSS Hospital and enquired the health of Sarvamangala, the injured woman, who is undergoing treatment there.

After collecting the information about the incident, Jayaprakash said that the cost of the treatment would be borne by the Government.

Speaking to *SOM,* the Executive Officer said that he met the injured woman and enquired about her condition and added that all help would be provided for the treatment. He also said that he would conduct an enquiry about the incident.

Two killed as tree crashes

Mahesh Prakash

Hunsur, Apr. 12 (KK&DM)- Two persons met with a tragic end after a dried Peepal tree crashed on them near Azad Nagar on Hunsur-H.D. Kote Road yesterday. The deceased have been identified as Mahesh (38), a textile vendor selling clothes on moped and T.K. Prakash (53), a farmer from Ramenahalli in the taluk, while two others who sustained injuries and were rushed to general hospital here are Nazeeb Khan and Sikender of Azad Nagar. Mahesh was riding his moped and Prakash was walking carrying a tray containing saplings on his head at about 11 am, when the tree that was chopped, got uprooted following a windstorm and fell on them, killing them on the spot.

However, other pedestrians Nazeeb Khan and Sikander, managed to escape from the falling tree. The two who sustained minor injuries were treated at Hunsur General Hospital.

Following the incident, the villagers staged a demonstration accusing the Forest Department officials of not visiting the spot despite the death of two persons. The irate villagers blocked the road for some time, causing severe disruption in vehicular movement. Later the Police convinced the villagers and cleared the road, making way for traffic movement.

Compensation: MLA H.P. Manjunath, who was in Bengaluru, after learning about the incident, announced Rs. 25,000 compensation to the family of the deceased. Also, Rs. 25,000 was given as compensation to the family from the Forest Dept. The Dept. officials also assured to provide more compensation.

Constable assaulted

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (RK&DM)- A Constable attached to Udayagiri Police Station was reportedly assaulted by a group of three men in Nazarbad Police Station limits here yesterday. The assaulted Constable has been identified as Manjunath. He was travelling in the goods vehicle, which was seized by the Udayagiri Police for illegal cattle transportation yesterday, to park it in CAR Grounds yesterday afternoon.

As the vehicle was on way to CAR Ground travelling on the road along Karanji Lake at about 3.30 pm, the vehicle broke-down and stopped in the middle of the road. Three men who were in a car that was immediately behind the goods vehicle, irked by the sudden stopping of the vehicle, got down from the car and entered into a wordy duel with the Constable. As heated exchanges continued between the group of men travelling in the car — who have been identified as Ramalinga of Siddartha Layout, Satish of Giridarshini Layout and another man, who is yet to be identified — assaulted Manjunath and fled from the spot.

Soon Constable Manjunath lodged a complaint with the jurisdictional Nazarbad Police, who swung into action and arrested Ramalinga and Satish while the third accused has gone absconding, it is learnt.

Four injured as Tata Sumo rams into road divider

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (YDS&KS)- Four person travelling in a Tata Sumo (KA-50 P-7357) sustained minor injuries, when the vehicle rammed into a road divider on Bogadi Road near Acharya auditorium last evening.

It is reported that the Tata Sumo with four persons including the driver, was coming from Bogadi Ring Road side towards KEB junction, when the driver lost control of the vehicle and rammed into the road divider injuring all the occupants. The injured were immediately shifted to Bhanavi Hospital in Kuvempunagar.

Kuvempunagar Traffic Police have seized the damaged Tata Sumo.

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Voices from the Grassroots

WATER

Whose business is it anyway?

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Last week on my early morning walk, I could not resist the temptation of walking up to a middle-aged woman washing the entrance to her house. She seemed to be oblivious to any concerns of water scarcity and was pouring large quantities of precious fresh water onto the concrete walkway leading to her house. She also seemed unconcerned by the overflowing bucket she had kept under the tap from which she was drawing the water.

I succumbed to the activist in me and I asked her if she could avoid wasting so much water. And bang came her reply… *'Who was I to even come up to her so early in the morning and give her this unsolicited advice? Why was I not minding my own business? And finally, she chided me saying that it was her family which paid the water bills and it should be no concern of mine if she wasted the water or saved it'.*

My mind could not stop comparing this to an earlier sight that I saw of large water tankers supplying water to households in another residential locality of the city a few weeks ago. I stopped to talk to a driver of the truck who mentioned to me that he was bringing the water from a tube well on H.D. Kote road and that he made at least 8-10 trips each day. His concern was that the borewell was running out of water with the advancing summer and this would affect his daily business.

Another friend who hardly notices the weather was now joyously proclaiming how happy he was sitting out on his balcony at 11 in the night a few days ago watching the skies open up and the rains come pouring down.

While what I mention seems to be an everyday occurrence for most of us, it is painful that very few understand the challenging circumstances in which we are all living. Our reservoirs are going dry, inter-State river disputes are on the rise, our forests are burning down or are chopped up by the timber mafia, the little water we have is wastefully used, and all the warning signs that nature is sending out is blissfully ignored. **And our Governments are busy not thinking through long-term solutions but are satisfied with fighting for funds for drought relief and sinking more and more tubewells which seem to go deeper every year.** In fact, one officer confided in me that drought relief is good to have every year for some of our bureaucrats and politicians. For, after all who keeps track of the tons of desilting that is done or the watershed projects that are undertaken or the millions of trees that are supposed to be planted year after year.

With fresh water sources being less than 2% of the water available on our planet, can something be done to ensure that we have enough of it to go around and sustain life too. And who should we hold responsible for mitigating the crisis that we have brought on ourselves. This problem which seems insurmountable is not so difficult to tackle if we take earnest steps right away. **The time to solve the crisis is now and the people to solve them are each one of us.** As a starter, we can all resolve not to use fresh water for cleaning our pavements and courtyards; have a bath from water in the bucket rather than take a shower; ensure all our taps are properly shut and are not dripping; use little or no water to clean our cars; to put up rain water harvesting structures in our homes; and to plant, protect and nurture at least 2 saplings around our house.

The Government also cannot be allowed to go unaccountable for what it is doing or not doing. We need to make sure that the Forest Department is held accountable not just for raising nurseries or planting trees but are measured by the 5-year survival rate of the trees that they plant. The bureaucrats and politicians need to come

up with comprehensive policies that address multiple dimensions of the environment like increasing the green cover, protecting our water bodies, controlling pollution, managing waste, regulating sand mining, protecting our forests and controlling human-forest interactions. They need to address the challenge of balancing the use of water for human and domestic consumption, agriculture and irrigation, power generation and industrial use.

More importantly the Government needs to think out of the box and **explore possibilities of putting up desalination plants, setting up of recycling units for water re-usage and running campaigns for changing human behaviours, especially of people living in urban areas.**

Finally, we need to remember that this battle cannot be fought alone. No one individual or agency can do enough on their own. What we need is a concerted effort from an ecologically sensitive government, conscientious industries and a well-informed and participatory citizenry. Together, we can not only ensure we have enough water resources for ourselves but also for our future generations. Let us start acting now!

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Mysureans hog limelight at State Film Awards

Achyuth Kumar

Shruthi Hariharan

Vijay Prakash

Sangeetha Ravindranath

Akshatha Pandavapura

Siri Vanalli

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (VNS) - Mysureans dominated the Karnataka State Film Awards that was announced for the year 2016 by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah at Bengaluru yesterday.

Playback singers Vijay Prakash and Sangeeta Ravindranath have been selected for the Best Playback Singer Male and Female for 'Beautiful Manasugalu' and 'Jalwa' respectively. Siri Vanalli, daughter of Music Varsity Registrar Dr. Niranjana Vanalli, has been selected as the Best Child Artiste for her performance in the movie 'Jeer Jimbe'. Meanwhile, Akshata Pandavapura has been selected as the Best Supporting Actress for her role in the movie 'Pallata' directed by Mysurean S.P. Raghu.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Siri Vanalli said that she was very happy to be receiving the award for her first movie and added that she was waiting eagerly to receive the award on Apr. 24.

"Initially, I did not believe that I had received the award. I thought it was for the movie. But, later when I got the confirmation I jumped in joy", said Siri.

Siri, who is the product of Natana in Mysuru, added that she would be participating in the inauguration of the theatre group's summer camp this evening to celebrate with her friends.

Meanwhile, Amaravathi, which is based on the life of Pourakarmikas (civic workers) won the Best Film award. Achyuth Kumar was selected as the Best Actor for his performance as a scavenger in the same film.

Shruti Hariharan, who won the award Best Actress award for 'Beautiful Manasugalu' spoke to *Star of Mysore* and said that awards like these motives her to keep working and come out with good performances. *"I am happy that the award given for my performance in 'Beautiful Manasugalu'. Honestly, the credit must go to everyone involved in the movie including Satish Ninasam"*, she said.

LIST OF AWARDEES

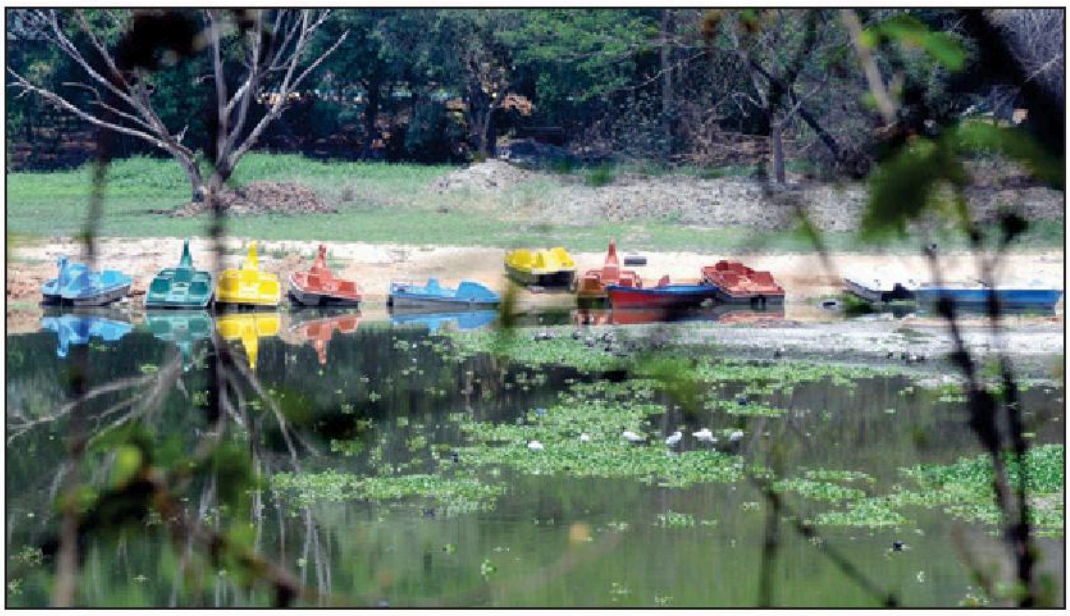
First Best Film	:	*Amaravathi*
Second Best Film	:	*Railway Children*
Third Best Film	:	*Antarjala*
Social Concern Film	:	*Mudla Seemeyalli*
Popular Entertaining Film	:	*Kirik Party*
Best Children's Film	:	*Jeer Jimbe*
Best Debut Director	:	D. Satyaprakash for *Rama Rama Re*
Best Regional Film	:	*Madipu (Tulu)*
Best Actor (male)	:	Achyuth Kumar for *Amaravathi*
Best Actor (female)	:	Sruthi Hariharan for *Beautiful Manasugalu*
Best Supporting Actor (male)	:	Naveen D. Padil for *Kudla Cafe (Tulu)*
Best Supporting Actor (female)	:	Akshata Pandavpura for *Palata*
Best Story	:	Nandita Yadav for *Raju Yedegebidda Akshara*
Best Screenplay	:	Arvind Shastry for *Kahi*
Best Dialogue	:	B.M. Giriraj for *Amaravathi*
Best Cinematography	:	Shekar Chandra for *Mungaru Male 2*
Best Music Director	:	Charan Raj for *Jeer Jimbe*
Best Editing	:	C. Ravichandran for *Mummy*
Best Child Actor (male)	:	Master Manohar for *Railway Children*
Best Child Actor (female)	:	Baby Siri Vanalli for *Jeer Jimbe* Baby Revathy for *Beti*
Best Art Director	:	Shashidhar Adappa for *Uppina Kagada*
Best Lyricist	:	Karthik Saragur for *Jeer Jimbe*
Best Playback Singer (male)	:	Vijay Prakash for *Beautiful Manasugalu*
Best Playback Singer (female)	:	Sangeeta Ravindranath for *Jalwa*

SPECIAL JURY AWARD

Best Costume	:	Chinmayee for *Santheyalli Nintha Kabira*
Best Production Controller	:	K.V. Manjaiah for *Mungaru Male 2*

Wait till monsoon for boating in Karanji Lake

Karanji Lake resembles a small pond; boating activity suspended; best time to de-silt, say environmentalists



The bone-dry Karanji Lake where the boating activity has been suspended due to lack of water.

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MTY&BCT)-Scorching heat coupled with severe water shortage has hit the picturesque Karanji Lake, one of the main tourist attractions in the city, especially boating activity. A couple of boats have been grounded at the lake for want of water and tourists are being told that boating would resume only after rainwater fills the lake, post June.

It may be recalled here that the Karanji Lake Nature Park (KLNP) had so much of water that it hosted a boating festival as part of *'December to Remember'*, a special tourist festival to attract visitors during the Christmas season. The Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK), which manages the Mysuru Zoo, is the caretaker of the Lake which has many attractions for visitors, including a walk through aviary.

There are about six boats where 30 people could enjoy the boat ride in one session. All the six boats have been grounded since over a week and probably this is the first summer in the recent past that boating activity has been suspended due to lack of water. To make boating a prime attraction, the Zoo authorities had purchased a couple of boats including motorised ones, pedal boats and rowing boats.

According to environmental groups, increased urbanisation has taken a toll on lakes including Karanji and Kukkarahalli where water levels have drastically dropped. While there is still some water at the Kukkarahalli Lake, Karanji Lake resembles a small pond with small patches of water at a couple of places. The lack of water is now threatening the bird and fish population in the lake.

Located behind the Zoo, Karanji Lake is a good example of wetland ecosystem and is a home to many local and migratory birds. Boating in Karanji Lake is the best way to get a close look at the birds and a wide variety of birds can be spotted. A Butterfly Park near the boating area is an added attraction.

The gently swaying boat, the still waters, the pleasant weather, and the green lake shore make boating a memorable experience and birds including darters, ducklings, pelicans, spoonbills and painted storks can be spotted and according to tourists, the calm and serene lake makes one feel close to nature.

According to Zoo Executive Director K. Kamala Karikalan, boating will resume only when the lake fills up. "We have suspended boating activities since the past 10 days and we are hoping that the lake will fill when it rains," she said. The Zoo's move to close the boating activity has been welcomed by Green groups who said that the existing water must be left undisturbed for the birds and aquatic species.

RIGHT TIME TO DE-SILT

Environmentalists said that as the Karanji Lake is dry, now is the best time to de-silt it. Also, the lake can be cleansed of effluents and sewage that flow into the water body from neighbouring localities. They said that the absence of *Rajakaluves* (natural underground water drains) in the Karanji Lake premises has caused the lake to be more polluted. If silt is removed now and the lake is cleaned, enough water can be stored in monsoon, they felt.

The existing water will be undisturbed for the bird and aquatic species to survive.

Karavali Samskruthika Chavadi to host 'Bisu Parbha' in city on Apr.14

Mysuru, Apr.12-Karavali Samskruthika Chavadi, Hootagalli, will be hosting *Bisu Parbha -2017* for the first time in city at Sri Mahaganapathi Temple in KHB Colony.

Bisu Kani will be displayed by 7 am on Apr.14 at the Temple and at 3 pm there will be a stage programme which will be inaugurated by Shiva Prasad Mada of Prasad Builders, Mysuru.

Ashok Kumar Shetty, President, Karavali Samskruthika Chavadi, will preside. Harsha Melanta, owner of *Fish Curry Rice & Hotel By The Way*, Dr. Dinesh Shetty, Hon. President of

Karavali Samskruthika Chavadi and Dhananjaya Nelliyadi will be the chief guests.

Resource person Udaya Dharmasthala will speak on *Bisu Parbha.* On the same day after 4.30 pm, there will be traditional games like hitting coconuts, thapangayi, lagori and many other games.

This day is being celebrated as new year in parts of Tulu Nadu (Dakshina Kannada/Mangaluru, Udupi and Kasaragod) and also in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. In Tulu Nadu, it is called *Bisu Parba* and in Kerala, *Vishu*. Since Souramana Yugadi, as the name suggests is observed according to solar calendar, this festival is being celebrated on April 14.

In Tulu Nadu, this festival is an occasion for the farmers to show their gratitude towards Mother Nature. Harvest from their fields is kept in a room and worshipped. Gathering of harvest thus worshipped is called *Bisu Kani.*

Moode is the delicacy of Tuluvas for this occasion. *Bisu Parba*, Solar New Year, was celebrated with traditional gaiety and fervour throughout Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Kasaragod on Tuesday.

Traditionally *Bisu* marks the beginning of agricultural activities for the year. Seeds are sown and new cattle purchased on the day. The major attraction of the occasion is the *Bisu Kani*. Families celebrating *Bisu* prepare the *Bisu Kani* and worship it. A *Kalasige* (a wooden pot to measure rice in earlier days) is filled with rice and freshly plucked fruits and vegetables, ornaments, a mirror, cash and other materials are arranged to form the *Kani.*

It is believed the entire family must see the *Kani* before the first rays of the Sun. Youngsters place grains of boiled rice over the feet of elders and touch their feet. In return, youngsters get clothes or money. During the earlier days when feudalism was the order of the day, tenants would bring fruits and vegetables from the field for the landlords on this day. Landlords would gift tenants with new clothes in return. Oil bath, new clothes and a feast that includes *payasam* made of cashew, complete the festivities. Almost all Tulu families celebrate the festival but with slight variations.

For details contact Mob: 98445-50845 or 98454-70307.

Corporator threatens MCC Development Officer

MCC employees stage protest

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MTY&VNS)- The employees of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) today staged a dharna in front of the MCC on Sayyaji Rao Road in protest against Corporator B.M. Nataraj who allegedly threatened and abused MCC Development Officer Ningashetty over the phone yesterday.

The MCC employees boycotted their work and staged a dhrana for more than an hour wearing black ribbon around their arm. Later, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, former Mayors B.L. Bhyrappa and R. Lingappa, Corporator Shoukath Pasha addressed the protesting employees and promised that such incident would not repeat in the future.

They also promised to arrange for a meeting with Corporator B.M. Nataraj and MCC Development Officer Ningashetty and sought out the issue. The Mayor and others Corporators assured that they would not interfere with the FIR filed against B.M. Nataraj.

Mayor Ravikumar requested the employees to withdraw their protest as it would cause inconvenience to the public. Later, the employees withdrew their protest and continued with their work.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Ningashetty accused Nataraj of abusing and threatening him over the phone with respect to the works related to Cauvery Road in Ward. 57.

"A proposal for Rs. 30 lakh for the development of the road has been submitted. Since MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha who is busy with the works related to by-election has not returned, the tender cannot be invited. The Corporator wanted the works to begin without the tender process. Since the works are estimated at Rs. 30 lakh it cannot commence without tender process. I only informed Corporator Nataraj about the procedure for which he abused and threatened me over the phone", Ningashetty said.

He also said that he would not withdraw his complaint filed against Nataraj.

POINT BLANK

Vandalism of Elephant Fountain continues

A few months back, in October 2016, District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurated one of the iconic fountains at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle, popularly known as 'Highway Circle', with great fanfare. The fountain, embellished with a beautiful centrepiece of sculpture, with four elephant heads looking in four different directions with their trunks raised, has since become popular as the 'Elephant Circle.'

It was built at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh as a gift to this city by the Brigade Group, the well-known developers and builders, who also own the nearby 5-star Hotel *Grand Mercure*.

In the recent past, a political party had disfigured the fountain by tying the party buntings and festoons all around it using the trunk of the elephants for the purpose. This morning a similar kind of vandalism was seen at this fountain by an organisation, apparently in connection with its function. Our office had received a few telephone calls decrying this kind of vandalism of a beautiful iconic fountain **asking us to draw the attention of the MCC Commissioner, the local Corporator and those who are concerned with this fountain by publishing about it in this newspaper. So it is.**

Over to the MCC Commissioner and all those who are responsible for maintaining the aesthetics of the city. It is feared that while tying those buntings using the trunks of the elephants there is every chance of the sculpture being damaged as people might handle it roughly causing disfigurement.

— K.B. Ganapathy,
Editor-in-Chief

PKTB Sanatorium contract employees demand basic facilities

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (US&PM)- About 50 contract employees of PKTB Sanatorium on KRS Road here staged a protest in front of the Sanatorium this morning demanding basic facilitates.

The contract employees serving in house-keeping, security, laundry and garden alleged that they were not being provided with safety aids, uniforms and statutory benefits like ESI and PF by the assigned contractor.

Dr. B. Krishnmurthy, Dean and Director, MMC&RI, who also heads PKTB Sanatorium, arrived at the spot and pacified the agitating contract employees.

He assured them that he would discuss the issue with the assigned contractor and resolve the problem by this Saturday.

The contract employees withdraw their stir later. Adi Dravida Horata Samiti General Secretary R.R. Ramesh and Vice-President Murugesh led the protest.

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Services

at St. Philomena's Church

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (KS)- St. Joseph's Cathedral (St. Philomena's Church), which began conducting prayers inside the Church recently after it was closed for renovation since a year, will be holding special prayers, services and mass as part of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

Tomorrow being Maundy Thursday, mass will be held from 6 pm onwards.

On Good Friday (Apr. 14), 'The Way of the Cross' will be held at 3 pm and the Good Friday Service will be held from 5 pm onwards.

Holy Saturday service (Apr. 15) will begin from 10.30 pm which will go on past midnight.

On Easter Sunday (Apr. 16), morning mass will be held at 5 am, 6 am, 7 am and 8 am. Evening mass will be held at 6 pm.

The special prayers, mass and services on all the four days will be conducted by Mysuru Bishop Most Rev. Dr. K. A. William.

St. Joseph's Cathedral Parish Priest Fr. N.T. Joseph and other priests will attend the services.

By-polls: Counting of votes tomorrow

(Continued from page 1)

To ensure transparency, a live webcast of the counting proceedings will be aired to the Chief Election Commissioner's office and all the counting desks will have CCTV cameras to record the proceedings, the DC said. With the facility, the Election Commissioner can watch the process of counting from his office in Delhi, the DC added. The authorities have reserved one room with 14 tables for the counting process. As many as 16 rounds of counting will be held, he said.

Explaining the measures to maintain security, the DC said that candidates and their supporters have been barred from celebrating victory and indulging in provocative speeches and insulting the defeated candidate. Only authorised persons have been allowed entry inside the 200 metres boundary of the counting centre. All the authorised persons including the candidates and their agents must have valid identity cards to enter the counting rooms.

Section 144 has been imposed around the counting centre and there will be no opportunity for the political leaders to provoke people in the name of caste and religion. Strict action will be taken against people indulging in rioting. The sale of liquor has been banned in Nanjangud taluk from today midnight till tomorrow midnight.

The winning candidates and their supporters have been barred from displaying and burning of effigies of rival party leaders. They have also been ordered not to burst crackers in public places. While personnel of Central Paramilitary Forces are providing security in the inner perimeter, the outer perimeter is being monitored by the State Police.

Karnataka Legislature Audit Committee visits Mysore Race Club, Zoo

To submit report to Govt. on feasibility of shifting Mysore Zoo's aviary to MRC

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (RK&BCT)- The Audit Committee of Karnataka Legislature appointed to examine the accounts and documents of various public and educational institutions visited the Mysore Race Club (MRC) premises this morning. The Committee visited the MRC to examine the feasibility of setting up an exclusive section to house the birds of Mysore Zoo.

The Panel is headed by KR Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh and has MLAs D.G. Shanthanagouda, S. Muniraju, M. Krishna Reddy and MLC Vivekrao Vasanthrao Patil as members. They were received at MRC by MRC Chairman Hanuman Prasad, former MRC Chairman and former Mayor Dr. Sathyanarayana Rao, Members Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao and H.K. Ramesh and Steward G.K. Balakrishna.

As soon as the Committee members arrived, they inspected the 16 MRC stables. They also inspected the over 40 temporary stables that have been constructed. Seeing that the temporary stables are not well maintained, the Committee members opined that as MRC land (139 acres, 39 guntas) was owned by the Government and was given as a lease to the MRC, open space should have been maintained without any construction.

Replying to the Committee's observations, the MRC Chairman said that they needed stables for over 500 horses and the earlier proposals of land to be handed over to them in Administrative Training Institute (ATI) and City Armed Reserve campus were rejected. He told the Committee members that they were forced to construct temporary stables inside the MRC as no other land was available.

Explaining the purpose of their visit, Mahesh told the MRC officials that when the bird flu hit the Mysore Zoo in January 2017, a meeting was held in Bengaluru that was attended by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department Principal Secretary and Zoo Executive Director K. Kamala Karikalan. "When the reasons of bird flu outbreak were being probed, it came to light that the only way to secure other animals from being infected by the flu was to shift the bird enclosure (aviary) of the Zoo to another place. The officers felt that if the bird enclosures were shifted to MRC premises (that is close to the Zoo) it will be ideal," he said.

"It is in this background that the Committee is visiting the MRC," Mahesh told the MRC authorities. "As it is a Government land, you must have maintained it as a green space instead of constructing a series of buildings inside the MRC that has already marred the beauty of the land," the MLA told MRC officials.

Replying to the MLA, the MRC Chairman said that the MRC paid Rs. 1 crore as lease amount to the Government annually, Rs. 45 lakh as tax to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Turnover Tax of Rs. 20 crore and a betting tax of Rs. 2.26 crore to the Government, that is the highest among all Clubs in Karnataka. "We have 400 men, 400 women and their families as workers and we have over 200 regular employees and a large number of jockeys and other professionals in the Club," he said.

Reacting to the reply, MLA Mahesh said that they will report the present status of the MRC, its leased land and the proposal to establish aviaries. We will table the recommendations to the Government that will take a final decision," he said and added that he will discuss with MUDA if it can provide about 10 acres of land outside the city to provide land for the MRC to build horse stables.

Panel visits Zoo too

The Audit Committee, after visiting the Mysore Race Club Limited, held a meeting with Mysore Zoo Executive Director Kamala Karikalan at the Zoo meeting hall here this morning.

The Panel discussed the recent deaths of birds owing to bird flu.

The Committee also sought the details on the number of birds and animals in the Zoo and if it would be feasible to shift the birds to MRC premises by converting the same into an aviary.

Kamala Karikalan is said to have provided all the details behind the deaths of the birds and also informed the Committee that the chances of bird flu outbreak was more since the birds were housed along with the animals.

She is said to have informed the Committee that the disease outbreak could be controlled on separating the birds from the animals.

Later, the Committee is said to have held a meeting with PWD Superintending Engineer Sathyanarayana with respect to renewal of lease with MRC.

The Committee, which collected information from both Zoo and MRC officials, is expected to submit a report to the State Government within a week.

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Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

In this week's Pet Talk,
Maneka gives tips on how termites can be stopped from attacking wooden furniture and speaks about the cure of a jellyfish sting.

How do I stop termites from attacking my wooden furniture?

Termites at home, or firm, are a common problem with wooden fixtures and furniture, like wooden doors, shelves, racks, windows, dining tables and wooden flooring. Termites generally feed on dead plant materials and wood. Some termites can consume about 15 pounds of wood within a week. Houses with high moisture content in them have a higher risk of termites. Here are some useful home remedies to get rid of termites.

a. Cardboard Traps: The termites not only feed on wood, but also on paper and cardboards. These are termite friendly foods, as they contain cellulose. The cardboard can be used as a trap to control termites. Wet the cardboard and place it near the affected areas to attract termites. When the cardboard is full of termites, then hold it with handles, or with gloved hands, and flame it out. Repeat the process several times.

b. Aloe Vera Gel: Aloe Vera kills termites. Crush the aloe plant and store it in a container filled with water over it. Mix Aloe Vera and water properly and spritz it, on the infested areas, using a mist sprayer.

c. Petroleum Jelly: Petroleum jelly contains phenol. Rub petroleum jelly on wooden furniture. Leave it for a day or two and then use a soft cloth to polish your fixtures.

d. Garlic Oil: An analysis by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry proved that the compounds of garlic oil showed insecticidal activities against Japanese termites. According to a study, concentration (20%, 10%, 5%) of different solutions, consisting garlic, neem and tobacco, was used in hot and cold water. Solution having higher concentration of garlic, in both hot and cold water, resulted in 100% mortality of termite species.

e. Fill the cracks or holes in the foundation, using mortar or other material.

f. Do not store wooden logs, or wooden debris, near the house.

Is the dog breed Dalmatian, born with black spots?

Dalmatian puppies are born pure white, and the spots appear as they age. The exception is puppies born with patches, solid masses of dense, brilliant black or liver-coloured hair with no white hair.

What is the cure of a jellyfish sting?

The best treatment for you may depend on the type of jellyfish that stung you. But most stings can be treated with these simple remedies:

a. Remove stingers: Remove any pieces of jellyfish tentacle in your skin by rinsing the wound with seawater. You can also try gently scraping off the stingers with the edge of an ID card or a credit card. Avoid getting sand on the wound. And don't rinse with fresh water, or rub the area with a towel, as these actions may activate more stingers.

b. Rinse with vinegar, or apply a baking soda paste — Rinse the affected area with vinegar for about 30 seconds. Or, apply a paste of baking soda and seawater. Each method may deactivate the stingers of some types of jellyfish.

c. Take a hot shower, or apply ice packs. Hot water — as hot as you can tolerate but not above 113 F (45 C) — and ice packs may help ease the pain.

d. Take a pain reliever and apply lotions. Apply calamine lotion, or lidocaine, to help relieve itching and discomfort.

What do jackals eat?

Jackals can best be described as opportunistic omnivores. They cooperatively hunt small antelopes and also eat reptiles, insects, ground-dwelling birds, fruits, berries, and grass. They will pick over kills made by large carnivores and even frequent rubbish dumps in pursuit of food.

Why does my dog become a picky eater after a couple of days?

Most dogs will eat anything, and everything, without a moment's hesitation. So, when your dog doesn't show interest in his food, and walks away, you need to be concerned.

If he has lost weight recently, or develops vomiting or diarrhoea as well, it is time to make a visit to the veterinarian. Problems with teeth, and/or problems in the mouth, can make eating difficult for even the hungriest of dogs. Check the mouth for sores, growths, bad teeth or foreign objects, that might be causing pain or discomfort for your dog. Tick fever is a reason. Get a blood test immediately. Dehydration is another reason.

Or, it could be that he doesn't like the food any more. Change it. If you are feeding scraps under the table, then your dog will become finicky about his own food. Table scraps, and excessive treats, only cause weight gain and don't provide balanced nutrition. Your dog needs to eat nutritionally-balanced food, in proper amounts every day, to maintain health.

Check the dog food you are offering to make sure it's not spoiled, or out of date. This may be a reason why your dog suddenly doesn't want to eat his food. Make sure the food you are offering is safe, nutritious, and consistent. Don't keep changing the food constantly, because this can upset your dog's digestive system. If your dog won't eat dry dog food no matter what, there are a few tricks to try that might entice him to eat. You can try another brand, or flavour, of food that might taste better. Mixing a tablespoon or two of canned food may provide a flavour boost. Canned food can be warmed slightly in the microwave, or warm water or broth can be spooned over dry food to give it some warmth and extra aroma.

Taking your dog for a good walk before mealtime can also help increase his appetite. If you can schedule a daily walk, around a regular feeding time, this will help your dog to associate the walk with the upcoming mealtime. Staying out of the area while your dog eats, and giving him a quiet, safe place to eat alone, away from distractions or competition from other pets, may be helpful.

How do birds urinate ?

To make them more lightweight, most birds do not have bladders to store urine. Rather than producing liquid urine to get rid of wastes, they produce a white, pasty substance. However, while an ostrich does not have a bladder like a mammalian bladder, it is unique among birds, because it does have a complete separation of faeces and urine.

What does a woodpecker eat?

Woodpeckers are omnivores, they eat fruits, insects, berries, nuts and tree sap.

What could cause a dog to cough?

When a dog swallows a foreign object, it may get lodged in the rear of the dog's throat, leading to a bout of coughing. The dog stops coughing when the object is removed. Lung problems, such as chronic bronchitis, pneumonia or lung cancer, may also cause a dog to cough. Weight loss, laboured breathing, fever and coughing, are symptoms of fungal infections in dogs. Congestive heart failure makes fluid accumulate in a dog's lungs, which leads to coughing. An enlarged heart can also make a dog cough. Roundworms and heartworms can make a dog cough. De-worming medication helps cure the cough. A dry, hacking cough in dogs may signify kennel cough, which lasts for around two weeks and is treated with prescription medication.

Foraging food for young ones...

A Hoopoe bird which has built its nest in a tree near the DC's office was caught on camera when it was busy foraging food for its young ones in its nest. [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

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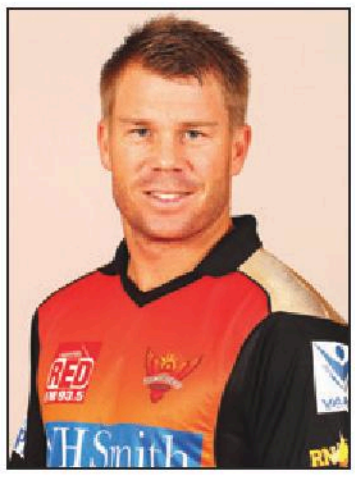
Mumbai Indians up against Sunrisers Hyderabad

Mumbai, Apr. 12 - Table toppers Sunrisers Hyderabad will come up against a confident Mumbai Indians outfit in Match 10 of IPL 2017 later today.

Mumbai Indians will want to build on the adrenaline boost from Sunday's thrilling win over the Kolkata Knight Riders. MI had their backs to the wall when they were reduced to 119-5 in their chase of 179. But two youngsters – Nitish Rana (50) and Hardik Pandya (29* from 11 balls) – took the opportunity to step up and helped their team to a thrilling win. Rana and Hardik pummelled the KKR bowlers and added 41 runs in 2.2 overs which helped MI get across the finish line with one ball to spare. The two-time champions, who lost the season opener, will take plenty of confidence from that win and will want to add two more points to their kitty from this contest.

Rohit Sharma



David Warner

In their two matches so far, Sunrisers have played like defending champions and not surprisingly are perched at the top of the table. They handed RCB a 35-run defeat in the season opener after batting first and posting 207 runs on the board. In their second outing, they restricted a formidable Gujarat Lions line-up to 135-7 and then cruised to a 9-wicket win, knocking off the runs in 15.3 overs.

Mumbai Indians will look towards Jos Buttler and captain Rohit Sharma to cause damage with the bat. The Englishman has looked good at the top in both the matches and has forged a good partnership with Parthiv Patel. However, in both the games so far, the openers have frittered away a position to get a big one; MI will want Buttler to play freely, but want him to can convert the start into a big score. Rohit Sharma has bagged two single-digit scores and MI will be desperate for the skipper to get among the runs.

While the Sunrisers batsmen — David Warner, Moises Henriques, Shikhar Dhawan and Yuvraj Singh – have taken turns to cause damage with the willow, with the ball Rashid Khan has shone like a star. The Afghan bowler, called 'Superstar in the making' by captain Warner, is a 'champion bowler' as VVS Laxman calls him; batsmen have found it extremely difficult to pick his variations, and as a result the leg-spinner finds himself with five wickets after two matches.

IPL Season-10

Today's Match

MUMBAI INDIANS

Vs

SUNRISERS

Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, 8 pm

Tomorrow's Match

Knight Riders

Vs

KINGS XI PUNJAB

Eden Gardens, Kolkata, 8 pm

Yesterday's Results

DD 205 for 4 in 20 overs
beat
RPSG 108 all out in 16.1 overs

Live Telecast on SONY MAX, SONY SIX & SONY ESPN

PG Sports Council clinches MI7s Hockey Cup

Cauvery College, Virajpet emerge runners-up

The victorious PGSC team seen with In-charge Director of UoM Physical Education Department Dr. P. Krishnaiah.
Picture right shows Cauvery College team, Virajpet with MICA Principal M.N. Ponnamma.

Mysuru, Apr.12- Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts (MICA) hosted its first ever MI7s Hockey tournament at the University Hockey Grounds from Apr.6 to 8.

Seventeen teams from Mysuru, Kodagu and Hubballi participated in the three-day tournament which was inaugurated by Dr. P. Krishnaiah, In-charge Director, UoM PE Department and Dr. Pulikeshi Y. Shetteppanavar, Deputy Director, along with the Management, Principal and staff of MICA.

In the fiercely played tournament teams like Cauvery College Virajpet, NIE IT Mysuru, Murnad First Grade College, NIE Mysuru, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering Mysuru, MIT Mysuru, ATME Mysuru, Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology, PG Sports Council and Dr. Ambedkar College Hubballi participated.

In the finals played between PG Sports Council, Mysuru and Cauvery College, Virajpet, PG Sports Council won the match by 5 - 3 goals. Murnad First Grade College emerged as 2nd runner up.

The winning team and two runner up teams were awarded cash prize of Rs. 15,000, Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 5,000 respectively. They were also awarded with trophies, medals and certificates.

N.A. Kariappa of JSS Law College was adjudged the Best Goal-keeper while Shogan Aiyappa of PGSC was awarded the Best Defender trophy, Bopanna of Cauvery College emerged as the Best Forward and Arun of PGSC was the highest goal scorer of the tournament.

The prizes were distributed by Dr. P. Krishnaiah, MICA Principal M.N. Ponnamma and Sukumar, Chairman, Selection Committee of Handball.

MICA to host MIKabaddi on Apr. 17

Mysuru, Apr.12- MICA – Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts will be hosting the 3rd Edition of MIKabaddi tournament at its campus on Apr.17. The tournament will be inaugurated by the dignitaries at 9.30 am. As many as 20 teams are expected to participate.

The winning team will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 and runners up Rs. 3,000 along with trophies and certificates. The best rider, catcher and all-rounder too will be awarded. For details and registration contact Sridhar on Mob: 9538898126 or Mohan on Mob:8105270999.

MDFA 'A' Division Football League

Facile win for Mysore Police

Mysuru, Apr. 12- Mysore Police FC registered a facile 3-0 win over Pope FC in the group B tie in the MDFA 'A' Division League 2016-17 for the Achutharao Memorial Trophy played at the University Football Grounds here yesterday.

RESULTS

Mysore Police FC 3 (Stanley 51, Gowdin 57, Kumaraswamy 60) bt Pope FC 0.

Sharm El Sheikh ITF Women's Tennis Tournament

Dhruthi, Kyra duo enter quarter-finals

Egypt, Apr.12- City's women's tennis player **Dhruthi T. Venugopal** teaming up with Kyra Shroff and representing India in the $15,000 Sharm El Sheikh Women's Tennis Tournament won their pre-quarter-final doubles tie and entered the quarter-finals yesterday.

The second seed Indian pair of Dhruthi & Kyra scored a well earned 6-0, 7-5 in 1 hour and 5 minutes over Bhunu Valeria (ZIM) and Munozova Anette (SWE) to enter the quarter-finals.

JSS Law College hosts symposium on 'Inter-disciplinary nature of Law'

Dr. C.K. Renukarya, Director, Mahajana PG Centre, is seen watering a sapling to inaugurate the day-long symposium at JSS Law College in city yesterday as College Principal Prof. M.M. Prabhuswamy, Chief Executive Prof. K.S. Suresh and staff look on. Picture right shows a section of students.

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (US&RKB)- A one-day symposium on 'Inter-disciplinary Nature of Law — Importance of Pre-Law Subjects' was organised by JSS Law College at its premises in Kuvempunagar here yesterday. The symposium focussed on relevance of other subjects with law which has been framed based on needs of society. Resource persons deliberated on various topics relating them to law.

Speaking as the chief guest, Dr. C.K. Renukarya, Director, Mahajana PG Centre, observed that many subjects have relationship with law. He pointed out that law and economics were two inseparable subjects with a few common theories. He advised law students to study economics also to be thorough with law. College Chief Executive Prof. K.S. Suresh presided. Principal Prof. M.M. Prabhuswamy and others were present.

Workshop on Interpersonal Skills and Working in Teams

Mysuru, Apr.12-JSS Centre for Management Studies (JSS CMS), Department of Management Studies, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru, had organised a one-day workshop on "Interpersonal Skills and Working in Teams" at JSS CMS on Apr. 10.

Vijay Anand, Director, Talkmaster, Bengaluru, inaugurated the workshop. Speaking on the occasion, he said that students need to upgrade the soft skills and develop the right attitude to meet the contemporary needs of corporates.

Dr. K. S. Lokesh, Registrar, JSS Science and Technology University, who presided, emphasised the importance of Interpersonal Skills and Working in Teams. He called upon the young minds to make use of workshop to enhance the emotional intelligence and to shape the behavioural science knowledge. He also said that students must practice the appropriate manner of being emotionally intelligent, assertive and working in teams.

The workshop helped the participants to understand the role of interpersonal skills, communicate in teams, thoughts, needs and feelings in a direct, honest and appropriate manner. Dr. P. Nagesh, Professor and HoD, presented the objectives and need of the workshop. Sridevi Kulenur, Assistant Professor, coordinated the workshop.

Roshan Baig visits Muslim Co-operative Bank

Minister for Urban Development and Haj R. Roshan Baig visited Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Main Branch located opposite old RMC Market in city recently. The Minister, who was felicitated by Bank President Mir Humayun, is seen with (from left) Bank Directors Mir Muthaqi Ali, Mukhtar Mahmood, Abdur Rahman Shariff, Bank President Mir Humayun, Corporator Suhail Baig, Bank Director Iftekhar Ahmed Khan, General Manager Fazlulla Shariff, Bank Directors Rahmath Ulla Shariff and A. Saleem Ahmed.

Awareness programme on 'Anti-ragging and Narcotics'

Mysuru, Apr. 12- A special awareness programme for students on 'Anti-ragging and Narcotics' in association with Karnataka State Police Department, Metagalli Police Station, Mysuru, was organised at the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana PG Centre, Mysuru, recently.

Sub-Inspector Vishwanath delivered the presentation on the topic appealing students to inculcate moral and social responsibility to combat the issue and he assured all support from the Police Department in matters pertaining to vigilance and protection.

Over 200 students attended the session. Prof. S.R.S. Khadri, Director, Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management and the Police team from Metagalli Station were present on the occasion.

Usha Rani, HoD, MTA Department, welcomed. George Jaison, HoD, BTH Department, proposed a vote of thanks, according to a press release.

5-day workshop on LabVIEW

Mysuru, Apr. 12- The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering of ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru, has organised five-day workshop on LabVIEW recently, in association with NI LabVIEW Academy, SJBIT, Bengaluru, sponsored by Institute of Electronics & Telecommunications Engineers (IETE), Mysuru.

Around one hundred students from ATME College of Engineering and various other Engineering Colleges of Mysuru Zone participated in the workshop.

The workshop was coordinated by Dr. P.K. Mahesh, Head, Department of ECE, Convener L. Yathisha, Co-Convener G.N. Chandan, Asst. Professors, Department of ECE, ATME, with Dr. L. Basavaraj, Principal, ATME College of Engineering, as organising chair.

The workshop mainly focused on LabVIEW, which is a graphical programming environment used to develop sophisticated measurement, test and control systems. Upon completion of the course, the participants are able to explore concepts with accelerated learning, and seamlessly apply their knowledge to design experiments and develop their own applications with hardware.

Dr. A.V. Ravikumar, Chief coordinator, LabVIEW Academy, SJBIT, Bengaluru, during the inauguration ceremony, said that their Academy has organised LabVIEW workshop in many Colleges in and around Bengaluru and added that it was the only certified organisation to teach LabVIEW in Karnataka State.

Dr. L. Basavaraj, in his presidential speech, advised students to take part in more and more such workshops during their course and make their resumes stronger to increase their chances of success in their job interviews.

By-poll: Betting frenzy sweeps Nanjangud, Gundlupet

Stake amount ranges between Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 1 lakh; Villagers pledge domestic animals, gold ornaments, vehicles

Mysuru/ Nanjangud, Apr. 12- Who will win Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-elections? How much will you bet on him/ her? What will be the victory margin?

With just a day left for counting of votes, these are the most asked questions by people who have pooled in money to indulge in betting and also who are inducing voters to shower money on their choice of candidate.

Yes. As election fever had gripped Nanjangud and Gundlupet, now it is the time to bet. While the Election Commission and District Administration is geared up for the counting to be held tomorrow, villagers of both the Assembly segments have been indulging in widespread betting to predict the winners.

A view of JSS First Grade College in Nanjangud where counting of votes will be taken up tomorrow. Picture right shows cops manning the strong-rooms in the College.

The villages that witnessed hectic political activities soon after the election dates were announced have still not come out of the poll mode and are waiting with bated breath as both BJP and Congress are playing for their pride. While both Nanjangud and Gundlupet are likely to have a close call, a majority are hesitant to bet on leads as it is difficult for them to predict.

In fact, betting is not restricted to only the constituencies but has also extended across the district and major players are villagers and booth-level party workers. Villagers have even pledged domestic animals, gold ornaments and vehicles. The stake amount ranges between Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 1 lakh and according to Police sources, it has become difficult for them to crack gambling cases.

According to people who bet, the fortunes of BJP have witnessed a steady rise since the election announcement. Initially, the stakes on both the BJP and Congress were 1:1. As the counting date neared, BJP emerged as a hot favourite, especially in Nanjangud. Gamblers said that Congress' prospects looked brighter in Gundlupet.

Meanwhile, both Congress and BJP leaders are busy mobilising details to predict results and victory margins. They are working out caste combination, polling in particular castes and mood among the voters to bet for their favourite candidate.

Congress leaders feel the election would swing in their favour as Dalit and Nayaka votes were considerably divided in the last few days. While BJP leaders are confident that they have got 60-70 per cent of Dalits and 55 per cent of Nayaka votes, Congress is sure of retaining its traditional vote banks — Dalits, Muslims, Other Backward Castes.

In Gundlupet, Congressmen are hoping for victory as a majority have voted for CM Siddharamaiah's leadership and development works done by late H.S. Mahadevaprasad. The BJP leaders are confident that sympathy has worked in favour of Niranjan Kumar and voters are upset with the Congress.

Audit Committee unearths major scam in UoM

Documents pertaining to construction works worth Rs. 120 crore missing; Committee says Rs. 14 crore has been misused

MLA S.R. Mahesh, who heads the Audit Committee of Karnataka Legislature, holding a meeting at Crawford Hall yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 12 - The Audit Committee of Karnataka Legislature has unearthed a major scam in the University of Mysore (UoM) where documents to support the expenditure of a government grant of Rs. 120 crore is missing. At a meeting of the Committee headed by MLA S.R. Mahesh, it was discovered that the files and documents pertaining to that government grant were missing.

The members of the Committee included MLAs D.G. Shanthanagouda, Muniraju, Raghu Achar, MLC Ravi Patil, Higher Education Department Principal Secretary Javid Akhtar, Joint Secretary Mallappa Kalaiah and Mayor M.J. Ravikumar.

They audited the accounts along with University Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna, Evaluation Registrar Prof. J. Somashekar and Finance Officer Prof. B. Mahadevappa.

The meeting was held at the Council Hall of Crawford Hall yesterday to audit the accounts of the University of Mysore. The Committee will later submit a report to the Karnataka Assembly.

The Committee also unearthed a Rs. 14 crore scam in the Varsity and asked the authorities to produce the documents for Rs. 120 crore spent on various works from 1989. When the authorities failed to produce the documents, the committee members charged at them.

MLA S.R. Mahesh said that the authorities had failed to initiate legal action against those involved in the irregularities. According to the Committee members, the authorities have misused Rs. 14 crore funds allotted for various works from 1989.

Though the documents available expose the irregularities, the authorities have failed to initiate action against violators, he said. As per the documents, the authorities paid the contractors well before the stipulated time while some other contractors received excess payment too, Mahesh said.

He said the UoM authorities have failed to submit documents for Rs. 120 crore spent on various works from 1989. However the UoM authorities claimed that no documents are available for the works pertaining to the said money. The Committee members warned the authorities of legal action if they fail to furnish the documents within three months.

The Committee members also pointed out that Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) authorities had not recovered the money spent for purchasing stationery, in violation of norms.

According to members, Rs. 8 crore was misused and the authorities have recovered only Rs. 4 crore so far. "Though the cost of a marks card is Rs. 2.50, the authorities have paid Rs. 36 per card. The authorities have also procured 18 lakh mark sheets whereas the requirement was for only one lakh. The Committee members warned the authorities to recover the remaining Rs. 4 crore with interest within three months.

Traffic diversion

Mysuru, Apr.12- On account of the four-laning works taken up on the over-bridge at the junction of Vani Vilas Road and Nanjangud Road, the City Police have announced traffic diversion on Vani Vilas Road.

Accordingly, all traffic movement has been banned on the stretch of Vani Vilas Road-Nanjangud Service Road junction to Manasa Road junction. The vehicles wanting to move on Vani Vilas Road Eastwards, will now have to move Southwards passing through Nanjangud Service Road and join the Truck Terminal Road to reach Vani Vilas Road and move further.

The vehicles wanting to move on Vani Vilas Road Westwards, will have to pass through Race Course Circle (Somasundaram Circle) to join the Truck Terminal Road and move further on Nanjangud Road.

Government Hospitals to offer free dialysis to kidney ailment

Bengaluru, Apr. 12 (KMS& KS)- Providing some solace to kidney patients in Karnataka, the State Government has issued an order to extend free dialysis to kidney ailment patients in Government Hospitals.

Observing that different hospitals charged different price for dialysis, Government Hospitals coming under the Health and Family Welfare Department have been ordered to provide free dialysis to kidney ailment patients. The move has been initiated under the National Health Mission.

The order states that State's 20 district & 3 major hospitals and 35 taluk hospitals will be equipped with dialysis units and the service will also be extended to 114 new hospitals coming up in various taluks, according to a press release from the Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Dept. The order comes as a boon to poor and middle class kidney patients.

WORD OF THE DAY

Snaffle

Pronunciation: SNAFF-ul

Meaning: To obtain especially by devious or irregular means; take (something) for oneself, typically quickly or without permission.

Origin: The origins of snaffle are shrouded in mystery. What we know of its story begins in the 16th century. At that time, snaffle existed as both a noun referring to a simple bit for a horse's bridle and a verb meaning "to fit or equip with a snaffle" or "to restrain or check with or as if with a snaffle." The noun could be from an old German word for "mouth," snavel, but the connection has not been confirmed. The "obtain" meaning of the verb appeared in the early 18th century, and its origins are similarly elusive. Not so mysterious is what happened next to the verb: it developed a meaning of "to steal or rob," at least in British dialects.

THE ODD WORD

Saggar

Clay box in which pottery is packed for baking.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Talk to the hand ('cause the face ain't listening)

Meaning: (With outstretched vertical palm) Shut up - I've no interest in hearing what you've got to say.

Origin: 'Talk to the hand' appeared, like several other short, mildly intimidating phrases, in the USA in the 1990s. The first reference to it one can find is in this (otherwise unexplained) advertisement in the Wyoming newspaper, The Pinedale Roundup, in Oct, 1996. It didn't cross the Atlantic right away and the first reference outside the USA is in a piece by Oliver Bennett in The Times, May 1998. In this he recounts a trip to San Francisco and explains some local idioms: "A contemporary favourite, if you don't like what somebody is saying (a traffic warden, say) is to turn a palm forward and yell: 'Talk to the hand.'" It seems it wasn't a universal favourite in the USA by then. That same month the Syracuse Herald Journal (New York) reported a vox pop piece that offered the opinion: "I don't know about you, but if I hear someone say 'talk to the hand' again I will strangle them with their own shoelaces." Other similar phrases from that period are 'so sue me', 'get used to it', 'get over it'.

QUOTE BOX

All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward.

— Ellen Glasgow

RIDDLE THIS

What does the rebus below mean?

Answer: Unfinished Symphony.

SUDOKU

			2		4	3		
5					3	1		
							6	
7		3	8					1
	5	1		6		9	3	
6					7	8		4
	6							
		8	7					3
		4	9		8			

Answer to previous puzzle

4	6	8	9	5	3	1	7	2
5	9	1	6	2	7	3	8	4
2	3	7	8	1	4	6	5	9
1	4	3	7	6	5	9	2	8
7	2	6	4	9	8	5	1	3
8	5	9	2	3	1	4	6	7
3	7	2	1	4	6	8	9	5
9	1	5	3	8	2	7	4	6
6	8	4	5	7	9	2	3	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Twin brother of Kush
4 Cripple or mutilate or disable
8 Gaming cubes
12 Oldness; decline, in a way?
13 A deadly sin
14 Females in general?
15 English suffix or French island
16 British gun
17 A small swelling
18 Persianmonarch,___theGreat
20 Headache tablet
22 Perform or accomplish again
25 Chineseweight-"late"change?
28 Device for mixing foods, flavours, etc.
31 Australasian soldier
33 The senior-most of the Chappell brothers
34 Abate, flow back
36 Inlet for "air" change!
37 Dwells or stays - "bed is" crumpled?
40 Repetitive
43 What's___cannotbeundone?
44 Long, protruding tooth
45 Rock group ___ Leppard
47 Pesters possible customers with requests for orders?
51 South Indian dialect
54 Luxuriant and succulent; profuse
57 Vim or vigour
8 ___ bitten, twice shy?
59 Female friend from France?
60 Menlo Park initials
61 Sweeney ___ : The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
62 A young salmon
63 A fierce sea monster

DOWN

1 A layman, not of the clergy
2 Certainly not fair!
3 Change direction or course
4 ___ up : in a confused state, in a way?
5 A hard working insect
6 I have, poetically speaking
7 Talkative bird
8 Plateau in South Central India?
9 Creeper;
10 Centre for Energy Studies, acronym
11 Superlative suffix?
19 Large vessel for making tea
21 Educational org.
23 The fourth letter by the sound of it?
24 Path of travel
26 "Raze" anagram for the poet Pound's name?
27 Was in or assumed a sleeping posture?
28 Front part of an apron
29 ___ aside : abandoned or rejected?
30 Internal as a prefix?
32 Household animal
35 Quantity of heat in FPS units
38 Entailed or necessitated
39 I ___ : I understand what you mean?
41 Biblical wife - "There's" anagram?
42 Howard Hughes studio
46 In a ___ : in a state of panic?
48 Not _ _ the mark : found to be wanting, in a way?
49 Lacerate or pull apart
50 Specification in short
51 A ___ of rum : alcoholic measure for the sailor?
52 United Nations Organisation, in short
53 Popular TV technology
55 __ Devi, alias Tun Tun?
56 To ___ With Love: Sidney Poitier's famous movie?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

D	E	C		A	T	E	E			C	H	A
I	W	O		P	O	L	K	A		U	A	E
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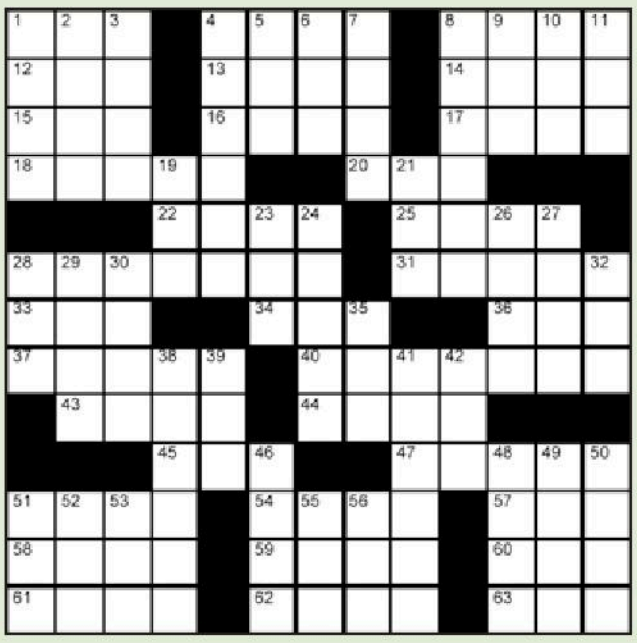


CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

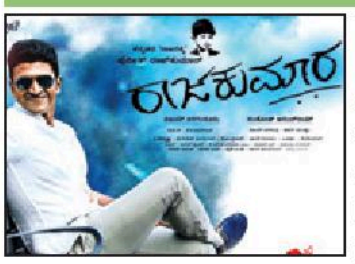
GHWDTSBTI WHBMZ UDEHSMWHMN XI GAZTCZZADM, XCN AN

AZ DMJI HPPHTNAEH AP IDC TBM ZNDY YHDYJH NBJRAMU

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The average man, who does not know what to do with his life, wants another one which will last forever.

EDITOR'S CHOICE



The Kannada family action film *'Raajakumara'* is written and directed by Santhosh Anandram and produced by Vijay Kiragandur under the Hombale Films banner. It stars Puneeth Rajkumar and Priya Anand in lead roles.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
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	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
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Manasu Malligey	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Raajakumara	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Hebbuli	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Chowka	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Roopa	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Soundarya Nilaya	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	94489-06100	4 Shows
Nirdoshi	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
Laali Ki Shaadi Mein Laaddoo Deewana			
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Fast and Furious-8	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kaaval	Padma	2521923	4 Shows

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Kaatru Veliyidai (Ta)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm
	(S-2)	4.15 pm, 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Fast and Furious 8 (3D-E)	(S-1)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Beauty and the Beast (3D-E)	(S-2)	11.00 am; (S-3) 12.55 pm
Naam Shabana (H)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
The Boss Baby (3D-E)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 3.25 pm, 8.00 pm
1971 Beyond Borders (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm

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Raajakumara (K)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 12.55 pm, 3.55 pm 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	3.05 pm, 8.50 pm
Fast and Furious 8 (3D-E)	(S-1)	4.10 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Fast and Furious 8 (2D-E)	(S-3)	6.30 pm, 9.15 pm
The Boss Baby (3D-E)	(S-1)	11.45 am, 1.50 pm
Kaatru Veliyidai (Ta)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 3.40 pm
	(S-4)	6.00 pm
Kavan (Ta)	(S-3)	12.35 pm
Naam Shabana (H)	(S-4)	10.00 am
Guru (Te)	(S-4)	12.45 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON THURSDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Bhavageete, 6.50 Sponsored Prog., 10.00 Nagaswara Recital, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.00 Keli Kali, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.00 Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 4.00 Inchara, 5.00 Gaana, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Ranga Kalarava, 9.30 Mandolin Recital, 10.00 Savinenapu.

EVENTS TODAY (APR.12)

North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited and Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region: North-East Crafts Bazaar, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art & Crafts Shopping Festival: Handicrafts and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore: Felicitation to talented sportspersons of the University who have won medal winners in the All India Inter-University Sports, University Inter-Collegiate Sports Competitions 2016-17, University of Mysore Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna chief guest, Sports Pavilion, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Narayanananda Vishwa Yoga Ashrama, Hinkal: Sri Narayanananda Swamiji's 116th birth anniversary celebrations, Dhyana, **10.30 am;** Bhajan, 10.45 am; Video darshan, **11.30 am;** Message, **12 noon;** Mahamangalarati, **12.15 pm;** Distribution of Prasadam, Ashrama premises, **12.30 pm.**

Basudeva Somani College, Kuvempunagar: Somani Sambhrama-2017, Valedictory of Cultural and Sports, Collegiate Education Regional Office Joint Director Prof. M.R. Sowbhagya, The Institute of Education Trust President and Managing Trustee H.N. Nagaraj, Trust Managing Trustee M. Puttaswamy and Trustees Prabha Puttaswamy & Guruprasad chief guests, prize distribution to National Football Player M.S. Abhilash, Basudeva Somani College Principal Dr. M.N. Manoharan presides, Dollu Kunita programme, College premises, **4.30 pm.**

The Literary Criterion Centre, Dhvanyaloka: *Padma Bhushan* Professor CDN Memorial Lecture-2017, Prof. B. Sheik Ali, eminent Historian and former Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore and Goa Universities, delivers the lecture, Conferring of CDN Memorial Award-2017 on Prof. G.S. Amur, eminent Scholar and critic of Kannada Literature, Release of K.V. Iyer's 'Roopadarshi,' translated by Prof. C.N. Srinath, Prof. K.M. Chandar speaks on the work, Dhvanyaloka, Bogadi Road, **5.30 pm.**

Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sree Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Narayana Shastri Road: 101st Sri Ramanavami Music Festival, **Vidu. Jayanthi Kumaresh - Veena; Vid. Kumaresh - Violin;** Vid. Jayachandra Rao - Mridanga; Vid. Pramath Kiran - Ghata, Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, **6 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Harikatha Sapthaha (Day-3) by Vidu. Malini, Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust, Vinoba Road and Department of Kannada and Culture: 127th year Sri Hevilambhi Samvatsara 'Sri Ramothsava,' Classical Music - Vid. Ramakrishna Murthy, accompanied by Vittalarangan on violin, K.V. Prasad on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Srimathi Alammanavara Chatra, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru and Shivananda Jnanalaya: Free classes on 'Vivekachoodamani of Adi Shankaracharya' by Swami Hamsananda in English, Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

Jayanagar Sri Rama Mandira Trust: 51st year Ramotsava, Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Kanchanashri, Sri Rama Mandira, second main road, 16th cross, Jayanagar, **7 pm.**

Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yathiraj Mutt's Shaka Mutt, Kalidasa Road: Swathi Puja, Prakarotsava, Temple premises, **7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.13)

Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru and Shivananda Jnanalaya: Free classes on 'Vivekachoodamani of Adi Shankaracharya' by Swami Hamsananda in English, Sadhana Mandira Ashram, # 22, 4th Cross, 1st Stage, Brindavan Extension, **6.30 am to 7.45 am;** Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

Jayanagar Sri Rama Mandira Trust: 51st year Ramotsava, Pujas and Homas, **8 am;** Varapuje, Sri Rama Mandira, second main road, 16th cross, Jayanagar, **7 pm.**

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Pavamana Homa, **8.30 am;** Bhajans by Sowjanya Kala Mahila Sangha and Harikatha Sapthaha (Day-4) by Vidu. Malini, Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate, **6 pm.**

MICA — Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts: Second food carnival, MICA campus, **9.30 am to 3 pm.**

Sahara Art & Crafts Shopping Festival: Handicrafts and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Maharaja College Sports Council: Annual Sports Day celebrations (2016-17), sportsperson and journalist R. Uday Kumar chief guest, Maharaja College Principal Prof. C.P. Sunitha presides, University of Mysore DPE Director (in-charge) Dr. P. Krishnaiah and Maharaja College Administrative Officer Limbya Nayak will be present, Junior BA Hall, College premises, **11 am.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

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Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Sri Dakshinamurthy Stotra,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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'Sri Ramothsava,' Classical Music- **Vid. Prince Rama Varma,** accompanied by T.K. V. Ramanujacharyalu on violin, Tumakuru B. Ravishankar on mridanga and S. Manjunath on ghata, Srimathi Alammanavara Chatra, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

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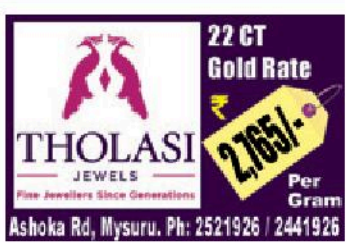
Dr. Veena Bharathi honouring Nivedita.

Mysuru, Apr. 12- **Nivedita,** a 2016 B.Sc graduate from Sarada Vilas College, now pursuing M.Sc (Zoology) at Manasagangothri, secured two Silver medals and cash prizes (Rs. 3,005 and Rs. 2,005), instituted by Dr. Veena Bharathi in memory of her mother Laxmi Ashwath, for scoring highest marks in Zoology and overall outstanding performance.

Nivedita was felicitated during the Prathibha Puraskar programme held at the College premises recently.



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